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WELCOME!

If you are new in our parish, registration forms can be found on the table in front of the Sacristy when you enter from the outside doors. You may place your completed form in the collection basket at the weekend Masses or drop it off at the Parish Office. Donation envelopes will be left on that same table for the next weekend, if they are requested. Please join us for refreshments after the 8:00 & 10:00am Sunday Morning Masses in St. Joachim's Room of the Parish Centre. Please notify the Parish Office if you are moving from the parish.

MASS TIMES

Weekends

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Fridays 8:00am
Tuesday Evenings 7:00pm
(Perpetual Novena to St. Ann)

Other

Spanish Mass - 2nd Sat of mnth 7:00pm
Korean Mass - Last Sat of mnth 7:00pm
(served by St. Andrew Kim Parish)
First Fridays 8:00am & 7:00pm
Saturdays & Holidays 9:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Fridays 8:30am - 6:50pm
Benediction to follow 6:50pm - 7:00pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Baptisms usually take place on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 1:15pm. A baptism course is required for parents of their first child & Godparents are welcome to attend. Registration required. Teenagers & adults are asked to contact the RCIA coordinator.

Marriage

Please contact one of the priests through the Parish Office before making any plans for your wedding. We require at least 6 months advance notice before your wedding date, since a marriage preparation course & paperwork are required.

Priesthood or Religious Life

Please contact the Vocations Office at: rcav.org/vocations

CONFESSION

Monday - Friday 20min before Mass
Saturdays 10:00am - 11:00am &
4:00pm - 4:35pm

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

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RCIA/Adult Faith Formation	Jody Garneau	adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca
PREP - Children's Catechism	Jennifer Pucek	prep@stannsabbotsford.ca
St. Vincent de Paul	George Sweeney	604-852-5602
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Youth Ministry	Kirsten ven der Buhs	youthministry@stannsabbotsford.ca

A FOCUS ON VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

by Fr. Hien Nguyen

3. The Environment of the Family

3.1 The State of the Family

Blessed John Paul II in his encyclical addressing to the family reminds us that "since the Creator of all things has established the conjugal partnership as the beginning and basis of human society," the family is "the first and vital cell of society." However, the basic cell, that is the foundation has now become unstable and collapsed. According to the information provided by the USCCB out of 34% of couples who are married in the Church, 12% would end up in a divorce (one out of three couples). Based on Statistics of Canada, the divorce rate climbs as high as 38.3% across the country.

The family has vital and organic links with society, since it is its foundation, nourishment, and life. It is from the family that society comes to birth and it is within the family that they find the first school of social virtues, the breathing principle of the existence and development of the society itself. However, this society has changed and in a reversal effect, influences the family negatively. It forms family to be a selfish, individualistic, narcissist monster. This behaviour is "part and parcel of the commodified universe, with its values of competition, hedonism, non-involvement, non-risk, loss of faith, and hopelessness." By nature, the family opens to



other families and to society, and undertakes its social role but instead exteriorly there are walls that separate neighbours to the point that they do not know who lives next door and interiorly each in his/her own room and "world".

The children in a broken family where parents are divorced suffer emotionally, psychologically, spiritually, and even physically. The trauma of parental rejection that they have to deal with because half of these children will not see one or the other of their parents, eventually lead to depression and low self-esteem. They are more likely to turn to substance abuse and develop a behaviour problem. Through different studies, children with single parent have a higher chance to commit crime or become delinquents. Paul Vitz, a psychology professor at New York University, states that "we now know that divorce takes a heavy toll on children, and good evidence suggests that as many as a third of the children of divorce never recover psychologically."

St. John Paul II saw the need to form the modern family in order to change society. The concerns he had for the family we now continue to experience.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPT. 4TH. MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9AM THAT MORNING.

MASS will be celebrated at Bevan Village on **Tuesday, September 5th at 2:00 p.m.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: **Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m.**

ONE BODY IN CHRIST PRAYER MEETING: meets **every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.** in St. Monica's lounge (until RCIA begins then will return to St. Joachim room)

MASS will be celebrated at Maplewood House on **Friday, September 8th at 4:00 p.m.**

HISPANIC MASS will be celebrated on **Saturday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m.** Reception to follow in the Parish Centre.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST will once again be prepared by our Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, September 10th** after the 8 & 10 am Masses.



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND VESPERS on **Sunday, September 10th at 3:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital Please join us in praying for the Doctors, Nurses, hospital workers, and most especially the patients and their families. ***

There is also an awareness of the need for the development of interfamily relationships, for reciprocal spiritual and material assistance, the rediscovery of the ecclesial mission proper to the family and its responsibility for the building of a more just society. On the other hand, however, signs are not lacking of a disturbing degradation of some fundamental values: a mistaken theoretical and practical concept of the independence of the spouses in relation to each other; serious misconceptions regarding the relationship of authority between parents and children; the concrete difficulties that the family itself experiences in the transmission of values; the growing number of divorces; the scourge of abortion; the ever more frequent recourse to sterilization; the appearance of a truly contraceptive mentality.

Adding to this difficulty is the new challenge arises in the civil court that changes the definition of marriage. On July 8, 2003 the government of British Columbia / Vancouver legalized "same sex marriage". It destroys the foundation of the family and violates the dignity of a human person particularly of a child. During the anniversary of the centennial anniversary of the *Rerum Novarum*, Pope John Paul II reminded us once again that human rights are not created by the works of man but they "flow from his essential dignity as a person." However, what the lawmakers try to do was to redefine the reality of marriage that is, the union of a man and a woman that gives a possibility of a child-born, to the definition of a committed relationship between two adults to accommodate same sex couples. The direct effect of this outcome is that the redefined law of marriage robs the right of a child to his/her birth parents. The law is based on the premises that an institution has no interest to reunite the children to their natural parents. Thus, the law was made to suit the interest of two adults and not about the children or family. The remote effect of this absurd law has already mentioned above by Dr. Vitz of children who become delinquent, criminal, addict, etc.

To be continued...

Welcome to St. Ann's Parish

Our Vision Statement: to be a Christ-centered community of missionary disciples.

Our Mission Statement: to work and pray to be a welcoming, Eucharistic community that spreads the good news of Christ. We each strive to share our gifts within and beyond the parish for the glory of God.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPT 4TH TO SEPT 10TH, 2017

Monday
9:00am Maurice Bellec, rip.

Tuesday
7:00pm Jack Walls, rip.

Wednesday
8:00am Normand Philippot, rip.

Thursday
8:00am Aaron Achoba, int.

Friday
8:00am James Hansen, rip.

Saturday
9:00am Cirila Macaventa, rip.
5:00pm Christopher Peat, rip.

Sunday
8:00am Bill Brown rip.
10:00am Intentions for the Parish
Noon Angelina Domino, rip.

FEAST DAYS & READINGS SEPT 4TH TO SEPT 10TH, 2017

Monday
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday
Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday
Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11

Friday-Nativity of the Virgin Mary
Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

Saturday
Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

Sunday-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

St. Ann's Catholic Community welcomes **JAYDEN APUNTAR** who was received into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on August 26th.



If you or a family member would like a **visit or to receive the sacraments while in the hospital or at home**, please contact the Parish Office at 604-852-5602. As many Catholics are unaware at the admitting interview, that without indicating that they are a Roman Catholic and would like a visit from a priest, their name will not be included on the hospital list. We have 3 lay people and a deacon who visit the hospital on Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. each week.

Parents! St. Ann's **PREP** is accepting **Registrations** for the 2017-2018 school year. Grades K-7. **Classes begin September 13th.** Link for the Registration Form can be found online at stannsabbotsford.ca or on our Facebook page! If your child is in **Grade 2 or 7** and receiving a sacrament, please be sure to include a copy of their **Baptismal Certificate with registration.** Forms can be emailed to prep@stannsabbotsford.ca or dropped off at the Parish Office Monday-Friday from 9-5.

ALPHA: Thursday, September 14 @ 6 pm; begins with dinner.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. All Alphas have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation. Please pick up free tickets for you and your friends at the entrances of the Church. For more info, contact Jody Garneau 604-852-5602 ext. 227.

For **RCIA** this year we are including everyone in the Alpha program to start and then will continue with a separate class from November to May to prepare for baptism. We encourage all of those interested or know people who are interested in the Catholic Faith to join us for Alpha starting September 14 at 6 pm. For more information or to register, contact Jody Garneau adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca or phone 604-852-5602 ex. 227.

Curious about the role of Permanent Deacons? A unique and special vocation, Deacons are official teachers and preachers of the Gospel, and they may preside at baptisms, marriages, funerals, and other forms of community prayers. They also share in the pastoral responsibilities of outreach, such as visiting the sick, the homebound, those imprisoned and in need. Men interested in this ordained ministry, along with their wives, are invited to an introductory seminar covering the history, theology and practicalities of the Permanent Diaconate. **Sessions run on Saturdays on Sept. 23, Oct. 28 and Nov. 19.** Register at www.stmarkscollege.ca Questions? Contact faculty@stmarkscollege.ca

Catholic Pacific College is offering this Special Course: **THE WORLD AND THOUGHT OF THE CHURCH FATHERS** at Walnut Grove Campus, 20675-87th Ave. Langley on Mondays & Wednesdays from 11:30am to 1:30pm -Sept. 6th to Dec. 18th. Tuition is \$650 plus textbooks, Audit \$400, Registration fee of \$100 will be waived. Chat with them at catholicpacific.ca

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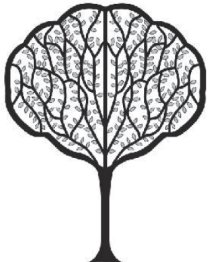
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